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VISION 2020 ENVIRONMENT TASK GROUP~ ~ ~ ~SPY POND COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 3, 2013 MEETING~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~Town Hall Annex, First Floor
(approved Oct. 1, 2013)

In attendance: ~Brad Barber, Bill Eykamp, Joey Glushko, ~Jane Howard, Elizabeth Karpati, Bob & Harriet Noyes, Stroker Rogovin, Nathaniel Stevens, John Yu.
Facilitator: ~Brad Barber~ ~Minutes: Elizabeth Karpati

2013 meetings: ~7:30 p.m. ~Tuesdays, ~Oct. 1, Nov. 5. Dec. 3. ~ ~Town Hall Annex, first floor.

- ~ ~The minutes of the previous meetings (April and June) were accepted as presented.

* ~Meetings for the rest of the year and for 2014 will be the first Tuesday of each month, with the June 3, 2014 meeting to be ~a barbecue at Brad's house.

- ~ ~Pond notes:
- ~ ~Trash barrels: ~The one at the Spy Pond end of the path is still there but the one from the ~
- ~Rt. 60 end is gone. ~Residents have been asking DPW to add barrels for recyclables.
- ~ ~Weed treatment in the pond was done twice this summer and the weeds have died. ~ ~Blue-green
- algae have not been a problem despite high temperatures.
- ~ ~In the Kelwyn Manor marsh, which was seeded after the phragmites was killed off, other plants
- including some weeds are coming up, with the variety changing from year to year.
- ~ ~Wildlife: ~John saw a weasel in his back yard (near the Rt. 60 corner). ~An osprey has been
- seen all summer.
- ~ ~Phragmites: ~Brad surveyed the pond and found some patches of re-growth which will need to be
- treated this fall. ~We will recommend that DPW contract with ACT, which would do it for \$1250.

- ~ ~Town Day, September 21 (rain date Sept. 28) :
- ~ ~Repeat the Secchi disk display but omit the big display of Trails Day pictures.
- ~ ~Focus on invasives. ~Display samples for people to identify. ~ Reservoir and Standing Committees are planning a bookmark listing some of the worst invasives, good alternatives, and on-line sources for identification. ~Publicize that there will be someone at the Vision 2020 table 1 - 3 p.m. to discuss invasives (Elizabeth will be there).
- ~ ~Publicize the EcoFest planned for next spring - Harriet has a poster.
- ~ ~For next year we should start planning something interactive that uses a laptop, and enlist the help of tech-savvy high school students.

- ~Future goals:
- ~Continue efforts to get rid of the sandbar. ~Maybe Tufts students could be asked to help design a way to do it - money for design is harder to get than money for execution.
- ~Try to get MassHighway to fix the metal "cage" around the outflow structure, which is in terrible shape. ~It could be a safety issue (people stand on it to fish), and the outflow could get blocked if the cage cannot keep debris out of it. ~Brad will contact Brett Loosian of MassHighway; we could invite him to a meeting. ~We may also need to involve Dave Rogers, our state representative.

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